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'Rotary Young Musician' competition



The adjudicators were impressed with the quality of performance and the high standard of musicianship in the Rotary Young Musician competition. Ethan, Raphael and Iris were selected to represent the school in the vocal category, and Monty and Seren for the instrumental section.

Following excellent performances on the night, the adjudicators selected Monty and Ethan to represent the school at the next Rotary round for South East Wales. Our two finalists travelled to Caerleon to compete against musicians from several other schools. We are so proud of these pupils as they also won this event. They will now go forward to the Regional semi-final.

Key dates next month:-

6th February

Careers Fair at 6pm for Years 9-13
Year 9 Options Evening

17th -21st February

Scholastic Book Fair - Primary Site

20th February

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 24th to Friday 28th February Half Term

Monday 3rd March

Return to school

Friday 7th March

Training Day (School closed to all pupils)



Value of the Month

Positivity / Positifrwydd

Focusing on solutions instead of problems.

Accelerated Readers:

Pupils have read a total of
1,989,706 words

For 20 minutes per day (pupil average) in
January

Sparx Maths:

276,069 questions answered correctly with
5,463 hours of personalised learning
completed.

Merits awarded in January:

15,630

Sea Life Centre Birmingham



Year 8 have been studying the oceans in Geography. We have looked at how different areas of the World rely on the oceans to help their economy, as well as the current threats to the oceans. During our visit to the Sea Life Centre, the pupils were able to see some of the species that have been affected by the changes in the ocean due to climate change and overfishing. We saw many species of fish, small sharks, and penguins. The highlight of the day was watching the sea otters, who had been rescued from Alaska. The pupils were also able to learn about how the Sea Life Centre are helping to protect the oceans worldwide.

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Year 9 'Inspiring STEM' Industry Day



This fantastic event brought together a diverse range of leading companies and institutions, offering pupils a glimpse into the vast opportunities available within the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). A big thank you to representatives from BAE Systems, Morgan Sindall Construction, GE Aviation, National Grid, University of South Wales Fashion and Textiles department, Screen Alliance Wales, Cardiff Met Food Lab and Product Design. This event really helped us prepare our pupils to be the innovators and problem-solvers of tomorrow.

Gwent Music Workshop

Pupils within our Small Group Provision classes, and those within the Middle Phase Special Resource Base have been engaging with a fantastic enrichment opportunity courtesy of Gwent Music. Gwent Music have provided five one hour long sessions for each class, introducing them to Samba using a range of instruments, including drums, tambourines and shakers. The pupils have really enjoyed the sessions and made fantastic progress, not only in developing skills associated with music, but also those linked to communication and the development of fine and gross motor skills.



GCSE Exam and Mock results

A huge congratulations to all our pupils who received their GCSE exam and mock results in January. There were some fantastic achievements.

Plas Gunter Mansion

Pupils in Year 7 and in our Senior Phase were visited this term by a representative from Plas Gunter Mansion. They were led through a workshop about the history of the Mansion and how it fits into Abergavenny's story.

Pupils also discussed what the barriers to young people visiting museums are, and how they think they could be overcome. Years 12 and 13 pupils then spoke about careers related to history, heritage, and the management of museums.



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Dosbarth Penguin (Years 1 and 2) enjoyed a lovely afternoon learning about the role of a firefighter. They even got to try on the uniform. Lots of questions were asked and lots of new information learned about the fire service.



Primary Phase pupils had the opportunity to make their own homemade petroleum jelly cotton wool fire starters in Forest School. They were so determined and showed great patience when lighting their fire starter, using a fire and steel rod. The pupils also had the opportunity to roast and eat a marshmallow.



Lots of our pupils have made some fantastic love spoons ahead of Dydd Santes Dwynwen.



Pupils in Dosbarth Eliffant have been learning to read their key words, sorting different loose parts, and retelling the story of the Snow Queen!



Pupils in Dosbarth Seahorse celebrated the Welsh tradition of Calennig! Also known as the Welsh New Year.



Dosbarth Seahorse made wonderful lighthouses as part of the Light and Dark topic.

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A selection of January's sporting achievements

- ✓ Well done to Leon, Evan and Gwen in Year 7 on their selection to represent South East Wales in Cross country; they will race in the Welsh Schools Championships in Brecon in February.
- ✓ Congratulations to Alicia (Year 10) and Rowan (Year 11) on their re-selection to represent the South East Wales Cross country team in the Welsh Championships in Brecon.
- ✓ Congratulations to Dylan and Joe on representing Beicio Cymru, in the Next generation track cycling championship in Apledoorn.
- ✓ Well done to Tomos (Year 8) and Naomi (Year 7) who represented their clubs in the Welsh Alpine Ski Championships in Switzerland.
- ✓ Our Rugby program this year saw nine pupils gain representative honours in the Dewar Shield.
- ✓ Congratulations to Cain and Zach (Year 11) on joining the pathways of Dragons RFC and Bristol Bears.

